

## Queen's Students' Union: Full-Time Student Officer Report

**Role:** Student Officer Welfare

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### Introduction

As the Welfare Officer, my role is to represent the interests of students in all matters related to their welfare. This is a broad remit which includes improving issues related to housing, accommodation, student safety, physical health, sexual health, mental health, and wellbeing. To achieve this, I lobby relevant departments and people within the university and local government; engage with external and internal groups; and run student events throughout the year.

My main priorities this year include tackling issues relating to student housing, implementing comprehensive drug harm reduction mechanisms across Queen's, and fostering a consent culture across campus.

**NOTE:** Between the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> of October I was on annual leave. Time this month was also spent preparing for and catching up from this extended period of leave.

### Meetings

- Meeting to discuss the **People's Assembly on the Planetary Crisis** and the SU's actions regarding sustainability and the climate emergency
- **Academic Board Agenda Setting** meeting (I was unable to attend Academic Board itself due to annual leave)
- First meeting of the **Student Manifesto** campaign organised by the SO Campaigns and Engagement
- Meeting with the **Students' Union's Social Prescribing Coordinator**
- Meeting with the **Consent Ambassadors** to discuss their roles and the implementation of opt-out consent training
- **WonkHE Policy Forum:** Harassment and sexual misconduct
- First meeting of the **campaigns committee** organised by the SO Campaigns and Engagement

### Events

- **One Young World – opening ceremony and social evening????????? Include?**
- Attended the first 2 days of **The World Transformed (TWT)** in Liverpool as part of the student union delegation along with the SO Campaigns and Engagement. TWT is an annual 'festival of ideas' and political education conference. Sessions I attended covered topics including intersectional feminism, racism and colonialism, the value of mutual aid, Universal Basic Income (UBI), Palestinian resistance to apartheid, and AI in the workplace
- **Official opening of the Students' Union Building**
- I attended and assisted with the **Halloween Create and Chat Event** which was organised by the SU President

### Campaigns

- Continued working with the university to establish the **Drug and Alcohol Impact (DAI) Programme**
- Continued work on the **automatic-voter registration** campaign

- Continued work on the **consent culture** campaign through engagement with the consent ambassadors